

OHIO FARM REPORT



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OHIO EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Ohio during March, 2005, totaled 638 million eggs, up 14 percent from last month and up 5 percent compared with a year earlier when production for March, 2004 totaled 609 million eggs. During March there were 28.1 million layers on Ohio farms. The rate of lay during the month was 2,271 eggs per 100 layers, or 73.3 percent. There were 4.0 percent of the layers in Ohio being force molted on April 1, 2005. There were 22.5 percent of the layers in Ohio that have completed a forced molt compared with 25.0 percent a year ago. In all egg-producing states on April 1, 2005, 4.1 percent of the layers on hand were in a molt and 22.6 percent had completed a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.73 billion during March 2005, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.60 billion table eggs, and 1.13 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.07 billion were broiler-type and 63 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2005 averaged 347 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,225 eggs, up 1 percent from March 2004.

All layers in the U.S. on April 1, 2005, totaled 345 million, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 345 million layers consisted of 286 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.9 million

layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.63 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2005, averaged 71.8 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from a year ago. February 2005 contained 28 days, while February 2004 contained 29 days due to the leap year.

Egg-type chicks hatched during March totaled 40.0 million, up 6 percent from March 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.1 million on April 1, 2005, up 2 percent from a year ago.

The March 2005 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 816 million, was up 3 percent from March of the previous year. There were 658 million eggs in incubators on April 1, 2005, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Turkey eggs in incubators on April 1, 2005 in the United States totaled 29.1 million, down 4 percent from April 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 4 percent from the March 1, 2005 total of 28.1 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: E N Central, down slightly; W N Central, down 1 percent; N & S Atlantic, down 11 percent; S Central, down 13 percent; and West, up 11 percent.

	Layers on hand during month		Eggs per 100 layers	Total production			
				Monthly		Accumulated ^{1/}	
	2004	2005	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Ohio	27,463	28,089	2,271	609	638	2,408	2,474
U.S.	341,700	347,255	2,225	7,547	7,726	29,388	29,990

1/ Accumulation period began December of previous year.

	CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, UNITED STATES								
	Egg-Type			Broiler-type			Turkeys placed ^{1/}		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
Mar.	37,545	39,888	106	791,915	815,782	103	24,215	23,376	97
Jan.-Mar.	104,623	109,559	105	2,294,320	2,343,082	102	160,948	153,095	95

1/ Accumulation period for turkeys begins September 1.

	EGGS IN INCUBATORS - APRIL 1, 2005								
	Egg-type eggs			Broiler-type eggs			Turkey eggs		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
E. North Central ^{1/}	7,031	6,913	98	8,111	9,148	113	4,772	4,758	100
United States	33,311	34,086	102	653,401	658,034	101	30,363	29,059	96

1/ Not available by States.

EGG PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE, OHIO AND UNITED STATES, 2003 AND 2004¹

	Ohio		United States	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Eggs produced (million eggs)	7,642	7,355	87,473	89,131
Price per dozen (dollars) ²	.588	.545	.732	.714
Value of production (000 dollars)	374,458	334,040	5,333,014	5,303,244

1/ Estimates cover the 12 month period Dec. 1, previous year through Nov. 30. 2/ Average of all eggs sold by producers, including hatching eggs.

BROILER PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE, OHIO AND UNITED STATES, 2003 AND 2004^{1,2}

	Ohio		United States ³	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Number produced (000 head)	41,000	41,600	8,492,850	8,740,650
Pounds produced (000 pounds)	225,500	224,600	43,958,200	45,796,250
Price per pound (dollars) ⁴	.350	.450	.346	.446
Value production (000 dollars)	78,925	101,070	15,214,947	20,446,086

1/ Broiler production including other domestic meat-type strains. 2/ Estimates cover the 12 month period Dec. 1, previous year through Nov. 30.

3/ Excludes states producing less than 500,000 birds. 4/ Live-weight equivalent price.

TURKEY PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE, OHIO AND UNITED STATES, 2003 AND 2004

	Ohio		United States	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Number raised (000 head) ¹	5,500	5,800	274,048	264,207
Pounds produced (000 pounds)	212,300	219,820	7,487,293	7,304,813
Price per pound (cents) ²	.390	.420	.361	.420
Value of production (000 dollars)	82,797	92,324	2,699,673	3,065,417

1/ Based on turkeys placed September 1, previous year through August 31, current year. Excludes young turkeys lost. 2/ Actual live weight prices for Ohio, U.S. combined actual live weight and live weight equivalent prices.

CHICKEN DISPOSITION, PRICE AND VALUE, OHIO AND UNITED STATES, 2003 AND 2004¹

Year	Sold for Slaughter	Pounds Sold	Price per Pound	Value of Sales
	Lost ²	Thousands lbs.	Dollars	Thousands dollars
Ohio				
2003	7,032	12,958	.001	44
2004	6,460	14,104	.001	48
United States				
2003	86,862	189,530	.049	47,811
2004	101,079	192,066	.058	58,010

1/ Estimates cover the 12 month period Dec. 1, previous year through Nov 30 and excludes broilers. 2/ Includes rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during the 12 month period.

U.S. MARCH MILK PRODUCTION UP 3.1 PERCENT

The total milk production in Ohio during March 2005 was 407 million pounds; 14 million pounds more than a year earlier. The average number of cows on Ohio farms during March 2005 was 268 thousand; 8,000 head more than a year earlier. The yield per cow, at 1,520 pounds, was up 1 percent from last year's milk per cow.

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 13.8 billion pounds, up 3.1 percent from March 2004. February revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was down 0.5 percent from February 2004. However, after adjusting for leap year,

milk production was up 3.1 percent on a per day basis from last year. The February revision represented an increase of 30 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,704 pounds for March, 43 pounds above March 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.10 million head, 38,000 head more than March 2004, and 21,000 head more than February 2005.

FEBRUARY MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

	Ohio			United States		
	2004	2005	05/04	2004	2005	05/04
	1,000 Gallons			1,000 Gallons		
Ice Cream (Hard)	2,247	1,989	89	65,823	64,100	97

MARCH MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

State	Milk cow on farm ^{1/}			Milk per cow			Milk Production ^{2/}			05/04
	Mar. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Mar. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	Mar. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	
California	1,710	1,742	1,748	1,815	1,635	1,845	3,104	2,848	3,225	104
Ohio	260	267	268	1,510	1,370	1,520	393	366	407	104
Wisconsin	1,244	1,234	1,233	1,510	1,405	1,560	1,878	1,734	1,923	102
20 State Total	8,059	8,076	8,097	1,661	1,519	1,704	13,387	12,270	13,799	103

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

U.S. COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 2 PERCENT

Commercial red meat production in Ohio during March 2005 totaled 24.8 million pounds; down 10 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight slaughtered in Ohio by species, compared with a year earlier was: cattle, 9.4 million pounds, down 7 percent; calves, 1.8 million pounds, down 20 percent; hogs, 25.9 million pounds, down 10 percent; sheep & lambs, 88 thousand pounds, up 14 percent from last year. March 2005 included 23 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.88 billion pounds in March, down 2 percent from the 3.95 billion pounds produced in March 2004.

Beef production, at 2.04 billion pounds, was 3 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.72 million head, down 5 percent from March 2004. The average live weight was up 21

pounds from the previous year, at 1,238 pounds.

Veal production totaled 13.3 million pounds, 6 percent below March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 67,900 head, down 11 percent from March 2004. The average live weight was 20 pounds below last year, at 328 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.80 billion pounds, up slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.95 million head, 1 percent below March 2004. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 271 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.5 million pounds, was down 12 percent from March 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 280,300 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, down 5 pounds from March a year ago.

MARCH COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Item	Ohio			United States		
	2004	2005	Pct. of prev. yr.	2004	2005	Pct. of prev. yr.
Number of Head (000)						
Cattle	9.0	8.2		91	2,869.3	2,723.4
Calves	5.4	4.5		83	76.4	67.9
Hogs	108.3	94.9		88	9,038.5	8,946.1
Sheep & Lambs	0.7	0.9		129	307.1	280.3
Average live weight (lbs)						
Cattle	1,129	1,140		101	1,217	1,238
Calves	416	400		96	308	328
Hogs	266	273		103	268	271
Sheep & Lambs	108	103		95	144	139
Total live weight (000 lbs)						
Cattle	10,109	9,393		93	3,491,935	3,371,550
Calves	2,228	1,785		80	23,511	22,276
Hogs	28,846	25,932		90	2,420,825	2,423,007
Sheep & Lambs	77	88		114	44,210	38,851

1/ Large volume increase generated percentages not suitable for analysis.

MARCH COLD STORAGE REPORT

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on March 31, 2005 were greater than year earlier levels for pork, vegetables, chicken, and fruit.

Butter stocks were up 20 percent from last month, but down 16 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 2 percent from last month, but up 6 percent from a year ago. Frozen pork supplies were up slightly from last month and up 21 percent from the

previous year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 8 percent from last month and up 62 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on March 31, 2005 were 7 percent above the previous month, but down 2 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were up 6 percent from the previous month and up 11 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 10 percent from last month, but down 17 percent from March 31, 2004.

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE MARCH 31, 2005 WITH COMPARISONS

Commodity	Mar 31, 2004	Feb 28, 2005	Mar 31, 2005	March 31, 2005 as percent of	
				03/31/04	02/28/05
		1,000 Pounds		Percent	
Butter	158,118	110,897	132,673	84	120
Cheese, Total Natural	759,546	715,772	746,945	98	104
Eggs, Frozen	19,247	17,865	18,548	96	104
Fruits, Frozen	715,709	879,606	750,954	105	85
Fruit Juices, Frozen	2,139,579	1,888,634	1,898,739	89	101
Meats, Total Red	879,358	956,021	932,584	106	98
Beef, Total Frozen	416,772	400,285	373,636	90	93
Pork, Total Frozen	447,346	541,023	543,400	121	100
Poultry, Total Frozen	1,110,545	1,016,982	1,090,660	98	107
Chicken	604,738	634,579	671,808	111	106
Turkeys	504,561	381,934	418,532	83	110
Vegetables, Total Frozen	1,591,734	1,994,038	1,788,477	112	90
Potatoes, Total Frozen	1,192,451	1,152,818	1,094,950	92	95

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities for 30 days or more. Stocks in space owned or leased by the armed forces are excluded. Food stocks held under bond are included in the storage data.

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